

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A focusing apparatus comprises a distance-measuring device which measures distances of a plurality of points in a photographing field, 5 a photographing lens, a driving mechanism which drives the photographing lens along an optical axis, an image pickup device which receives a subject light flux incident via the photographing lens to output a subject image signal, and a CPU which controls the driving mechanism to drive the photographing lens along the optical axis, while detecting a contrast of the subject image signal in a plurality of image pickup areas corresponding to the plurality of points and which adjusts a focal position of the photographing lens in a 10 position which has a highest contrast of the subject image signal in an image pickup area corresponding to a point indicating a shortest distance of an output of the distance-measuring device in the plurality of points. 15